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EAST YAKUTAT SECTION AND ICY BAY SUBDISTRICT DIRECTED LINGCOD FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the directed fishery for lingcod will close in the entire East Yakutat (EYKT) Section and Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS) at 11:59 p.m., Friday, May 24, 2013. The 2013 directed lingcod fishery guideline harvest level (GHL) for the EYKT Section is 111,000 pounds and the IBS GHL is 46,000 pounds. It is estimated that vessels participating in these fisheries will have taken the GHLs by the time of the closure.

The directed lingcod fishery remains open in the Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, and the Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector. Lingcod catch will be closely monitored and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries are available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on the directed lingcod fishery, refer to the news release issued on March 20, 2013.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1013.

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